

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Respiratory Therapists \(29-1126\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \(29-2041\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84

**Focus Occupation:** Respiratory Therapists (29-1126)

**Associated Occupation:** Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (29-2041)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	21.0	21.9	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	16.4	17.9	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Psychology	6.4	12.5	12.9	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Public Safety and Security	6.9	12.4	9.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Transportation	4.6	11.7	5.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	11.2	6.4	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	10.5	9.0	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Telecommunications	3.9	7.5	4.4	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	7.0	12.2	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92

**Focus Occupation:** Respiratory Therapists (29-1126)

**Associated Occupation:** Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (29-2041)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Service Orientation	7.9	11.9	11.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Coordination	9.1	11.6	10.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

Active Learning	8.7	11.4	11.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Science	4.5	11.1	10.7	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Operation and Control	5.4	9.1	8.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85			
Focus Occupation: Respiratory Therapists (29-1126) Associated Occupation: Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (29-2041)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Perceptual Speed	7.4	11.0	9.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Static Strength	5.0	11.0	5.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Response Orientation	4.0	10.1	6.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Time Sharing	6.6	9.1	7.7	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Glare Sensitivity	2.6	6.8	2.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Peripheral Vision	2.2	5.6	2.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 81
<b>Focus Occupation: Respiratory Therapists (29-1126)</b> <b>Associated Occupation: Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (29-2041)</b>		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Administer medications or treatments	46	
Analyze patient activity	73	
Communicate technical information	4	
Follow life support procedures	81	
Follow patient care procedures	60	
Identify body response variations	57	
Make presentations on health or medical issues	50	
Observe patient condition	48	
Take vital signs	56	
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6	
Use knowledge of medical terminology	40	
Use sanitation practices in health care settings	48	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 67

**Focus Occupation: Respiratory Therapists (29-1126)**

**Associated Occupation: Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (29-2041)**

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Acute care monitoring units and related products	22
Airway management products	30
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Computers	1
Data management and query software	1
Electrocardiography EKG units and related products	20
Industry specific software	1
Medical suction and vacuum products	33
Oxygen therapy delivery systems and devices	13
Pulse oximeters	18
Respiratory humidity and aerosol therapy products	31
Resuscitation supplies	29
Specimen collection and transport containers and supplies	14
Stethoscopes and related products	14
Syringes and accessories	14

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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